

DIRTY "CANADIANS."

Some reason seems to exist to wonder what can be the composition of the International Association of Machinists which, according to Saturday's despatches, is in session at Winnipeg, passing resolutions demanding that all persons convicted in Canada for offences under our war legislation should be released, and protesting against Canadian soldiers going to Siberia. Who are these "internationalists?" Their resolutions are stated to have been unanimous. But the word international would be wrongly applied on this continent if the organization did not include members from the United States. If this was the case at Winnipeg, how came it that alleged Canadians passed resolutions against their own Government and country, while nothing was said about the next-door Government and country? Thousands of persons are in jail or suffering penalties in the United States by virtue of war legislation. A large body of United States troops is in Siberia. How is it that these "internationalists" at Winnipeg are attacking Canada on these points while leaving the United States strictly alone?

Two explanations are possible—One is that the delegates from the United States are decent American patriots and would not stand for dirt thrown at their country, so our alleged Canadian machinists had to be content with fouling their own nest. The other is that these alleged Canadian machinists are men of alien stock, who care nothing for Canada or its institutions except what they can grab here by hook or crook. Owing to the large immigration into Canada in the years just prior to the war, and our too loose immigration regulations, a considerable proportion of our working population, particularly in the west, is of alien stock—Canada ought to be more particular now and hereafter as to whom it admits to its advantages.